

**REGULAR MEETING  
LABOR, EDUCATION AND TRAINING  
DECEMBER 28, 2006 – 8:30 A.M.  
COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Call to Order by Chairperson Regina Washinawatok, Roll Call was taken with a quorum present. Members present: Mike Skenadore, Virginia Nuske, Wendell Waukau and George Otradovec. Members absent: Dr. Verna Fowler (excused), Robert Tucker, Carol Dodge (excused), and Rose Wayka. Also present: Annette Tourtillott and Treva Chupco.

**2. Moment of Silence:** A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Approval of minutes dated November 30, 2006:**

**Motion made by Wendell Waukau to approve the minutes dated November 30, 2006. Second was by Virginia Nuske. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 3 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Otradovec) and 4 absent (Dr. Fowler, Tucker, Dodge and Wayka).**

**4. Bomb Scare Ordinance:**

Wendell Waukau-MISD handed out an amended version of the Bomb Scare Ordinance for the Committee to review and make recommendations. He had informed the Committee that his legal advisors did the draft and this is what is now being practiced at the Menominee Indian School District.

**Motion made by Michael Skenadore to refer this ordinance to the legal department, Tribal School, East West University and the College of Menominee Nation for review. Second was by George Otradovec. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 4 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 4 absent (Dr. Fowler, Tucker, Dodge and Wayka).**

This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**5. Homeless Students-review and recommendations:**

The Tribe is now in progress of developing an Emergency Homeless Shelter.

At the last meeting, the State of Wisconsin listed Menominee County as having zero homeless students. Wendell has assigned Mr. Hinkfuss to work with the State of Wisconsin to establish the correct reporting figures.

## **6. Youth and Young Adults-Employment opportunities:**

Treva Chupco from the JTP Program is present to answer any questions that the Committee may have in regards to the employment.

When the youth are filled into the positions, it makes them eligible for supportive services. An application requesting assistance needed to be filled out and then this is processed. Some of the services include purchasing birth certificates, applying for social security cards, and paying for their tuition (depending on circumstances),

These services are provided but the individual needs to directly ask for assistance.

Ms. Chupco will break down the statistics in their monthly reporting for the Committee to reflect youth and students served.

## **7. Review Monthly Reports:**

Regina Washinawatok did speak with administration on the monthly report issue. The Committee will still receive the monthly reports and the director's will only need to report on an as needed basis.

Michael Skenadore-Head Start Director informed the Committee that the Head Start is under enrolled by 9 students and they are in the process of getting those spots filled by contacting parents under the recruitment binder. As long as the Head Start program follows and documents their recruiting efforts, we will not lose funding. The Briggance Developmental Screen was done on the students and our numbers are up. Last year, we were at 35 percent. This screening went up to 50 percent. This screening was supposed to be used three times a year and prior history showed that the Head Start was only using this twice a year.

The Committee has been invited to attend a sign language class. Mr. Skenadore will set this up and give the Committee more information at the next meeting.

Annette Tourtillott-College of Menominee Nation (representing Dr. Fowler) informed the Committee that the College received a grant from the Department of Education to build a new library in the amount of 1.5 million dollars for Phase I. There is also a Phase II and a Phase III for this project.

513 students were enrolled for the Fall Semester, 2006. In addition, a two million dollar (\$2,000,000.00) grant was awarded to the College from the Department of Labor in the health care field for anticipated classes to start classes in 2008.

The College also received a sixteen thousand dollar grant (\$16,000.00) so that the college can fill 10 intern positions for the different VITA sites for tax preparation. According to the IRS, there was over a half billion dollars that were lost in the community due to rapid refunds in our area. This example of losing dollars from the community goes hand in hand with the exploitations that were discussed in the Bridges out of Poverty workshops.

Wendell Waukau was informed that the school (MISD) could be up for another financial literacy award from the Governor's Office and Wendell Waukau informed them that if possible, that this award be entitled the Menominee Nation Community award.

Wendell Waukau-MISD Administrator informed the Committee that the school is working with Maehnowesekiyah for a recovery school and this is still in the planning stages.

The educational leave has been approved by the Legislature and has been incorporated into the amended policies and procedures.

Virginia Nuske-Education director informed the committee at this time of year is when the students are sending in their grades to get their next semesters checks. A workshop was held titled "Everything you wanted to know about grants" that was attended by students as well as college administrators. It was mentioned that most of our young people are undecided until August about where they should be heading (school or into the service).

Wendell informed the Committee that there is a program called Woodlinks and this enables students to start on high tech jobs if college is not the first choice.

## **8. JOM Bylaws:**

It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the original motion made at the October 26, 2006 meeting to the Legislature for recommendation to approve the Bylaws.

**Motion made by Dr. Verna Fowler to recommend to the Legislature to approve the JOM Education Committee Bylaws. Second was by Virginia Nuske. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 7 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 absent (Tucker).**

## **9. Committee Bylaws and Direction:**

The Committee would like to advance the Education here on the Reservation and if the committee has the responsibility to review the monthly reports, then the departments that are assigned to this Committee should have their reports available.

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The Committee would like to develop positive educational goals and objectives for our children and will make a request to Brenda Tomow to obtain the portion of the strategic plan draft pertaining to education to find out which direction the Committee should proceed.

The Committee had set the dates for the next meetings: January 25, 2007 at 3:45 pm and February 22, 2007 a 3:45 p.m.

**10: Adjournment:**

**Motion made by Michael Skenadore/George Otradovec to adjourn the meeting.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Linda Peters, Recorder  
Legislative Staff